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1. On 25 December 1951 the Tudeh Central Committee adopted a resolution to participate in the elections, and issued orders of implementation to Party members to prepare for the campaign.
2. The Party organization for the campaign is as follows:
 - a. Cities and villages have been divided into districts or wards.
 - b. In Tehran the wards, based on bus routes, are divided into groups of 21 Party members. Each of these groups has one chief; one over-all ward chief heads all these 21-man groups.
 - c. Each 21-man group is divided into three teams, each composed of one orator, five bodyguards, and one liaison man. If one team should be arrested while campaigning, the second team will undertake these functions, and so forth.
 - d. Members of the 21-man group hold documentation of legal societies and, in some instances, press cards which should enable them to remain near the ballot boxes in order to watch for fraud.
 - e. By late December 1951 all Tehran groups had established contact with each other by means of code recognition phrases.
 - f. On 26 December 1951 one of the 21-man groups was ordered to pass to the other groups within its ward the following instructions to be carried out during elections. Failure to comply would be considered as treachery to the Party:
 - 1) All other Party activities and all time-consuming personal affairs must be discontinued.

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- 2) All activities, especially fraudulent actions observed during the voting, must be reported to the "center" at 1700 hours daily.
 - 3) Members must be alert to carry out all orders from the "center."
 - 4) Members must sleep at night within sight of the ballot boxes.
 - 5) "Peace" and "Freedom" slogans should be distributed among the people.
 - 6) Motorcycles and bicycles will be provided for liaison purposes.
3. The Tehran elections will be the responsibility of the Tudeh Party proper. Although the candidates will be reliable Party members, the Tudeh has not yet made known their identities. However, there will be nine Tudeh candidates from the Tehran constituency. The remaining three seats will be "left open" for bargaining purposes.¹ The Party is reserving large sums of money for the purchase of votes.
4. The provincial elections will be the responsibility of Tudeh-front groups. The following candidates are known to be Tudeh-front candidates:
- Babul: Morteza Lankerani (Association for the Freedom of Iran);
- Abadan: Ali Omid (who has a fifteen-year prison record for leftist activities);
- Resht: Afrashti (fnu) (Association for the Freedom of Iran);
- Mianeh: Mohammad Vali Mirza Farman-Farmayan (Azerbaijan Society) (sic);
- Sari: Mohammad Qazi;
- Tabriz: Ipakchi (fnu) (Azerbaijan Society) (sic); and
- Kazvin: Farnia (fnu)(F-2).
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5. According to another source, the Tudeh Central Committee has selected a number of active Tehran Party members to guard the ballot boxes in order to prevent any action or fraud which would be detrimental to the Tudeh. Guards have been issued press cards from Tudeh-front newspapers. Three or four cyclists will act as couriers between each guard and the District Committee.
6. According to informant, all Party and front-group members living within a twenty-mile radius of Kazvin have been instructed to vote for Farnia (fnu), a lawyer, who is the Tudeh candidate from that section. The Party is expecting election rioting in this constituency.
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1. Comment. That is, the Tudeh Party will promise to support up to three candidates of non-Tudeh groups if these groups will support nine Tudeh candidates.

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